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The Cover . . .

Scottish Endeavorers pose with their national president, Rev. Ian Mundie (wearing presidential chain), left, and the British Union president, Rev. Donald Nield, during Mr. Nield's Presidential Tour of Scotland. These youth had just taken part in a rally at Harper Memorial Church in Glasgow.

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Acts 17:16-33; 19:5, 9, 1

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Acts 19:8-1

—*B. H. L*

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THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR PLEDGE

Every Christian lives under a covenant pledge relationship with Jesus Christ. In the words of Dr. Francis E. Clark, founder, "The Christian Endeavor covenant pledge . . . has had a greater influence upon the movement in all parts of the world than any other one feature. It has aroused greater opposition than any other feature, but this is entirely natural, for the citadel is always the target for the enemy's fire."

Amos R. Wells, one of the early leaders of the movement, said, "There are only three sentences in our Christian Endeavor pledge . . . When before in the world's history have three sentences gone so far, traversed the globe so quickly, penetrated into so many lands, and influenced so many lives? So mighty are they that it is worthwhile to study their power; so helpful are they that it is worthwhile to fasten them into our minds."

The Christian Endeavor pledge centers in Jesus Christ and is summed up in three great ideas in the first sentence. He is the one who is worthy to receive and the one to whom I make my commitment — *"I promise Him."* He is the one who is capable and willing to direct my whole life — *"whatever He would like to have me do."* He is the one who furnishes the divine resources or strength to carry out my commitment — *"Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength."*

A recent study of the many pledge forms used by Christian Endeavorers in various parts of the world shows a similarity and oneness that was not forced but evidently born of the Spirit. The following statement of the pledge embodies all the essential elements used around the world and is almost the identical wording of the pledge given to the movement by Dr. Francis E. Clark. (See *Christian Endeavor in All Lands,* Pages 521-2.)

The Christian Endeavor Pledge

Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength, I promise Him that I will strive to do whatever He would like to have me do; that I will make it the rule of my life to pray and to read the Bible every day, and to support the work and worship of my own church in every way possible; and that just so far as I know how, throughout my whole life, I will endeavor to lead a Christian life.

As an active member I promise to be true to all my duties, to be present at and to take some part, aside from singing, in every Christian Endeavor meeting, unless hindered by some reason which I can conscientiously give to my Lord and Master, Jesus Christ. If obligated to be absent from the monthly consecration meeting of the society, I will, if possible, send at least a verse of Scripture to be read in response to my name at the roll call.

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AREA I

By Dr. Clyde W. Meadows President and General Secretary

Area I of the World's Christian Endeavor Union is composed of all the countries that border on the Pacific Ocean, the islands of the Pacific, the West Indies, and South America. There are 18 organized national unions and seven other countries and islands that have reported Christian Endeavor activity, with a total of 9,950 reported societies.

My overseas travel in 1971 was in Area II, including India, Lebanon, Egypt, Spain, Switzerland, Germany, and Holland. In 1970 the travel was in Area I and 1972 will include both Areas I and II, according to present plans.

The Australian Christian Endeavor Union and its leaders have been most helpful in 1971 through the South Pacific area. Rev. Roy T. Edwards, as president of the Australian National Union, visited Papua/New Guinea, the Solomon Islands, Fiji, and New Zealand. P. A. R. Chesterton, incoming president of Australia, spent ten days in American Samoa and Western Samoa on behalf of the World's Union in setting up preliminary plans for the Area I Conference in Pago Pago August 3-6, 1972. He also was in correspondence with national and island groups in Southeast Asia and the South Pacific arranging for the Conference of Cooperation on youth work August 2 in connection with the Area I Conference.

This effort on the part of Australia has suggested a pattern that can be used in other parts of the world, that of stronger national unions helping some of the unorganized or developing national groups in nearby areas, under the guidance of the World's Union.

The organized national unions in Area I at present are: Australia, Burma, Canada, Cayman Islands, Fiji, Guatemala, Guyana, the International Society (which includes Canada, United States, and Mexico), Jamaica, Japan, Korea, Mexico, New Zealand, Papua/New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, and Trinidad-Tobago. Other countries and islands that have reported Christian Endeavor activity include: Bahamas, Brazil, Caroline Islands, Hong Kong, Peru, Philippines, Honduras, Falkland Islands, and Truk Island.

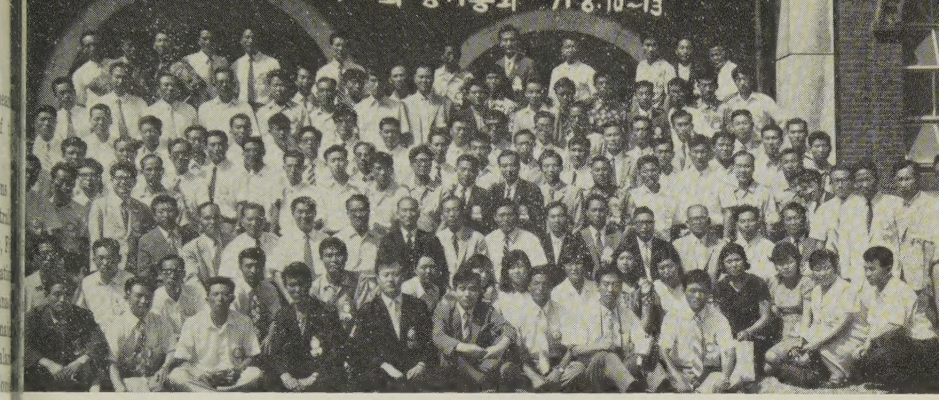
Some of the highlights of Christian Endeavor activity in Area make a thrilling story.

FIJI

A new surge of interest in Christian Endeavor has come to light in Fiji since I visited this beautiful island in January 1970. Rev. Isikeli Koroi of Suva, a teacher at Queen Victoria Secondary School, and student from Ratu Kadavulevu School attended a Christian Endeavor training conference in February 1971 at Sydney, Australia. They came back to Fiji and under the guidance of Rev. Roy T. Edwards, president, and Rev. Frederick J. Nile, national director of the Australian Union, have organized five new societies with several hundred members. Out of these societies 72 young people have been brought into full membership in the church.

A paragraph from a report letter written by Mr. Koroi shows something of the inspiring picture:

"My family and I share very pleasant memories of your brief visit in January 1970. We had no idea then that the Lord was going to use us in the work of Christian



OFFICIAL DELEGATES to 22nd General Assembly held in connection with the 47th national convention of the Korean Union, August 10-13, 1971, in Taegu.

ndeavor. But I was so impressed with your alks and our conversation that I have sed some of them in my sermons. After urveying the position and problems of stulents in these two schools and their attiude towards the Church and Christian eachings, it suddenly occurred to me to ttend Summer School at Sydney in Janury, and together with a student from the Ratu Kadavulevu School we were thrilled by the Christian Endeavor work in general n Sydney. The work here is continuing and am very grateful to see how the boys have quickly mastered the running of their grades by following closely the teaching of personal involvement and participation emphasized in Christian Endeavor."

KOREA

The 47th national convention of the Korean Christian Endeavor Union was most inspiring. It was held in Taegu August 10-13, 1971. The theme was: "Let's Declare the Glory of God."

The convention was attended by about 2,000 young people, over 200 of whom were official delegates from all parts of Korea. The program not only included the usual mass sessions with many church union choirs, seminars, hymn contests, and recognition of the 30 best Korean Endeavorers with gold medals, but sponsored a "protest" march through the streets of Taegu, carrying placards and banners such as "For Christ and the Church" and "Let's Declare the Glory of God" (Psalm 19:1).

Korea has produced a remarkable amount of printed materials. Four booklets (16-32 pages each) and five regular paper bound books (100 to 150 pages each) have been sent to headquarters covering the Christian Endeavor work and program for 1970-72.

PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

The Christian Endeavor Union of Papua and New Guinea is only about two years old, but now has 105 societies and 3,500 members under the splendid leadership of Ray H. Elvery, president, and Ann Marshall, secretary. They helped in the last year to train leaders and organize the Solomon Islands Union.

In a recent report letter the secretary states:

"It has been pleasing to hear of new groups being formed in different areas. To mention a couple: one group was started by a newly graduated teacher who was sent to his first school. In that place he started Christian Endeavor and it is progressing very well. Another lad who went to Teachers College in one of the larger towns has started Christian Endeavor for the college and high school students in that town. This group is steadily growing both in numbers and spiritually.

"In August, the Western District Union held its annual convention. The organiza-

tion of the convention was done mostly by the local Christian Endeavor leaders. The convention was held under the coconut trees on the bank of the Aramia River at Awaba. Approximately 700 young people attended. Many of these walked from as far as two and a half days walk away, through sago swamps. Others came by small misson plane from further up the Fly River.

"The singing, showing their obvious joy in the Lord, was lovely to listen to, as were the many special items presented. Study groups were held each day and the were all led by the young people themselves. It was a thrill to see so many groups of young people scattered under the coconut trees studying God's Word. The whole convention was a blessing to many.

"The young people here are so keen after that convention that one of the village groups arranged another weekend of meetings with sport and feasting and invited all the local villages to attend. Quite a number of the young people from the high school here at Awaba are going out in Christian Endeavor teams. We really do need your prayers for this growing work."

PAPUA/NEW GUINEA ENDEAVORERS participate in Western Union Convention at Awaba last August; over 700 attended.

SAMOA

When I was there in 1970 they told me that practically every village in the islands has a church and almost every church has Christian Endeavorers. When I saw them come together in Pago Pago, American Samoa, to fill to capacity the largest church, I could believe their report. They are enthusiastically preparing for the Sixth Area I Conference to be held in Pago Pago August 3-6, 1972. Their plans include what has not been done at any other place—free housing and meals, free sight-seeing tours, and transportation from the airport. The Christian hospitality of the Samoan Endeavorers will amaze the world. They report over 80,000 members in the islands, under the splendid leadership of Rev. Sofara Aiono, president, and Rev. Faulalo Sagapolutele secretary. The chairman of the local committee is Rev. Fiti Sunia, Box 56, Pago Pago, American Samoa 96920.

SOLOMON ISLANDS

The organization of the newest national Christian Endeavor union, that of the Solomon Islands, is a thrilling story. Early in January 1971 Rev. Roy T. Edwards, president of the Australian Union, Ray H. Elvery, president of the Papua and New Guinea Union, and Victor Ham, field

fficer for the Queensland (Australia) Union, came into Auki, Malaa, Solomon Islands, for evangelisic services and Christian Endeavor raining conferences. Mr. Edwards eports: "I think this has been one of he most rewarding and blessed exeriences during my lifetime of minstry."

Meetings began at 9:00 a.m. and sually finished in the vicinity of :30 p.m. The spirit of revival seemed o move upon the people. The atendance ranged from 150 during he day to over 300 at night and a housand on Sunday. Leaders came rom all parts of the Islands to hare in this first training conference.

It is interesting to note that village churches regularly meet for prayer t 6:30 a.m. and for worship at 5:30 .m. Approximately 20 different diaects are spoken by groups to whom he team ministered. Most of the speaking was interpreted into Pidgin English. It is surprising how the Spirit of the Lord can work through nterpreters.

In a letter received from J. K. Wiggins, field chairman of the South Sea Evangelical Mission, he says:

"It was a joy to be present at the General Conference of the South Sea Evangelical Church in April (1971) when proposals were made by the delegates who had attended courses given by the Australian team. The motion to approve the formation of Christian Endeavor societies and a Christian Endeavor union . . . was met with enthusiastic, unanimous approval. We would value your continued prayer as steps are taken to implement this decision."

The story of what was happening in the Solomons came to the United States and the New England Christian Endeavor Union was so moved that under the leadership of Rev. Gordon G. Avery, president, they sent a contribution of $300 to help get the new union established by the publication of literature. This is another evidence of the vitality of the movement and how it fits perfectly in the spiritual awakening that is taking place in our world today, especially among the youth.

AUSTRALIA

According to the reports from Peter A. Pitts, national secretary, a great amount of enthusiasm was generated in preparation for the 34th national convention held in Perth, Western Australia, January 1972. Over a thousand delegates are expected in spite of the fact that the convention is at the far western edge of this great country. The featured speaker is Rev. H. Norman Pell, who was associated with the Billy Graham evangelistic team for the last several years. The challenging theme is: "Man Alive—In Christ."

From reports in the QUEENSLAND ENDEAVORER we learn that 101 bookings for the train to the national convention were in by December from the Queensland Union, and they are taking with them Ray Elvery, president of the Papua-New Guinea Union, and a delegation from New Guinea. Rev. Roy T. Edwards, who is also from Queensland, will complete at this convention his very active term as president of the national union. His administration has been highlighted by a fruitful and highly commendable missionary service to several islands of the South Pacific. P. A. R. Chesterton will be the new president.

BURMA

Reports from Burma show that the Burma Baptist Christian Endeavor Union is composed of 18 constituent bodies, 56 district associations, and 1,387 local societies with 61,775 mem-

bers. At their annual meeting in December 1971, Saw Henry Pan Aung resigned as general secretary after 15 years of faithful service. He expects to continue his ministry as a teacher in the Karen Baptist Seminary, Insein, Burma. Mahn Aung Kyaw Zan, a co-worker with Henry Pan Aung for eight years, was chosen as the new general secretary. The Burma Union has experienced some difficulties in times past, but has rendered a great service for Christ and the Church, reported regularly, and faithfully sent its annual contributions to the World's Union budget.

GUYANA

Guyana Union of Christian Endeavor Societies, South America, is now operating as a national organization. It was formerly divided into sections, each group of societies carrying on its own program. In a fine spirit of unity they now have a national union that serves the whole country. They are faithful in sending in to headquarters reports of their activities and contribute regularly to the World's Union budget, under the leadership of Eric Callender, president, and Tottie Graham, secretary.

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY

The International Society of Christian Endeavor covers the area that might be called the North American Christian Endeavor Union, which represents Canada, the United States, and Mexico. Its biennial convention was held in St. Louis, Missouri, last July. It reached a peak attendance in several of its sessions of 2,000. This was a climax to Elwood Dunn's administration as president, he having served the constitutional limit of four years. Dr. LaVerne H. Boss, of Michigan, was installed as the new president. They are planning to take a tour party of at least thirty to the Area I Conference, and in connection with the trip will tour several of the islands of the Pacific, under the leadership of Rev. Charles W. Barner, general secretary.

JAPAN

Dr. Kojiro Hata, who serves faithfully as president of the Japan Union and is an honorary vice-president of the World's Union for life, was recognized this last year by Doshisha University with the honorary degree of LL.D. Dr. Hata and the secretary, Rev. Takashi Oku, report that one of the major projects this year was an intensive training program for 85 youth and leaders, with camps in three areas of Japan. In these camps four decisions were made for baptism, four for lifework as pastors or churches or teachers in Christian schools, and ten for Christian workers in churches. Japan is another regular contributor to the World's Union work. They report 3,210 members of Christian Endeavor. Mr. Oku has been chosen as the delegate to the Area I Conference in Samoa.

DELEGATES at the Western Japan Area Camp at Karasaki House, Doshisha University, Kyoto, pose with Dr. Kojiro Hata, president of Japan Union, who holds the Christian Endeavor flag.

AREA II

By William J. Sharpe

Area II of the World's Christian Endeavor Union includes Europe, Africa, India, Pakistan, and the Near East. The Area is organized with Alan J. Ramsey of England serving as Area II chairman and Wilfred Bird, also of England, as Area II treasurer. General secretary for Area II is William J. Sharpe; headquarters is in his home at 23 Leamington Road, Ryton-on-Dunsmore, Coventry, England.

NETHERLANDS

The union looks back to a happy, profitable, and — in a real sense — a special year of Christian Endeavor work in Holland. In May the annual convention was held at Amerongen and during the year the Christian Endeavor societies had their annual feast, visited by other societies. Some of the members are at theological seminaries in Brussels, Belgium, and in Marburg, Germany. Financial help was given to these students through a special effort organized by the Dutch Union. Geurt van Viegen, known to many Endeavorers, is one of the students.

As an act of faith, an aid program was begun to assist Sister Christina in her work in Ruanda; this is mainly to support the work in the children's home which is in her charge. In the month of May some $300 was donated which was used to repair the kitchen. The target for 1972, as read at the annual convention is $800.

A delegation attended the German Christian Endeavor Convention held in Hannover.

The outstanding event this year was the Area II World's Union Conference which was held in Amerongen September 20-27. It is very commendable that a small national union consisting of some 110 members could act as host to this conference. The joy of meeting so many Endeavorers from other lands and the challenge of preparation for the occasion brought their own reward.

Sad to report the death during the year of Sister Rosa Semmelroth, whose work as a Christian Endeavor member and in mission work in Rotterdam was outstanding. Prospects of beginning Christian Endeavor work in Belgium are claiming the attention of the Netherlands Union.

NIGERIA, WEST AFRICA

Encouraging news is recently to hand of a meeting called of pastors and deacons representing ten congregations with a membership of 2,969. Placed before them were the Pledge, the Platform of Principles, and the composition and objectives of the World's Christian Endeavor Union. For the benefit of those who could not understand the English text, these were translated into the "Efik" language. It was unanimously agreed to accept the principles of Christian Endeavor and to join the World's Union. The sender of these good tidings is the Rev. S. C. John of the Bethel Temple Church, Ikot Ebak Pa., Opobo, South Eastern State, Nigeria. We wish him and his Endeavorers every blessing as they advance for Christ and the Church.

SPAIN

Speaking at the Area II Conference held in Amerongen, the Rev. Enrique Capo, president of the Christian Endeavor Spanish Union, referred to two main difficulties in their youth work. Churches being small, youth groups are, in consequence, also small, so it is almost impossible to divide into two separate organizations; i.e., Christian Endeavor and

the youth department of the church. In all this difficulty they try to concentrate upon the fundamental things of Christian Endeavor. There is, however, a willingness for the youth groups to meet with the Christian Endeavor groups and to associate with the national union.

The Christian Endeavor center of Aiguaviva in the Pyrenees has again been used for united service and summer camps for the Juniors. The beginnings of this center were made possible by the generosity of the German Endeavorers. Now it is nearing completion as working parties of Endeavorers and others continue with plastering and decorating.

GERMANY

For a number of years Endeavorers in Germany have been most generous in their giving to help Christian Endeavor projects in a number of lands — Portugal, Spain, Austria, and in the case of India some £20,000 (about $48,000) has been donated for two special projects. In addition to the work of rehabilitation and medical aid amongst the boys in the Poona District, a farm is to be purchased about 30 miles from Madras. This covers an area of about 74,000 square yards and will be used for the breeding of pigs and poultry. Plans are being drawn up for the incorporation of a boy's home and also for a training and boarding school. The money needed for the project is in the region of D.M.22,500 (about $6,200).

Headquarters of the German Union has been moved to another site in Kassel, and Endeavorers there have been busily engaged in helping to prepare the new building so that with the minimum of interference the work will not be hindered. Germany has once again accepted the mammoth task of housing the next World's Convention, July 24-28, 1974. The venue will be the attractive Killesberg Halle, Stuttgart.

INDIA

The general secretary, the Rev. Titus Ebenezer, writes of his participation in the state convention of the Bihar Bengal Orissa Union. This is one of the strongest areas of Christian Endeavor activity and it is also the region which borders the ones devastated by the terrible floods and the district where millions of refugees from East Pakistan (now Bangladesh) sought shelter and sustenance. B. K. Pramanik, who is secretary of this union and a government official, formed an India Christian Endeavor Relief Committee, and a group of volunters were sent to the affected area. The relief measures included food, clearance of obstructions from roads, clothing, construction of temporary shelters, health measures, and veterinary service for treatment of cattle disease. Then came war with its added terror and aftermath. It is also in this same district that the India National Convention will be held in Octover 1972.

Bishop Solomon Doraisawmy (president of India Union) visited Assam and Nagaland where he met Christian Endeavor leaders and local union officers, speaking and illustrating his messages with pictures of the World's Convention held in Kitchener-Waterloo, Ontario, Canada, in 1970.

Footnote by Area II Secretary. The calamities mentioned above call Endeavorers everywhere to a sense of their responsibility to our fellow-Endeavorers in India, as they face and strive to meet these problems. We are our brother's keeper!

PORTUGAL

New ground is being broken by the extension of Christian Endeavor to the Algarve, under the leadership of the Rev. Venancio de Olivera. Architects' plans are now to hand for the building of a Christian Endeavor

EGYPTIAN Endeavorers hold weekly meeting in Cairo.

center on land purchased some time ago with money donated by the German Union.

EGYPT

This union had been taking the initiative of extension in the Middle East. At a meeting held last summer in Beirut, attended by more than a hundred Endeavorers from Egypt, plus others from the Sudan, Kuwait, and Lebanon, it was decided to form a union to be known as "The Middle East Christian Endeavor Union." This represents the following countries: Egypt, Sudan, Kuwait, Syria, and Lebanon. It is hoped to make contact with Iraq and Jordan in an endeavor to start societies there.

A building project is envisaged for a Christian Endeavor center in Cairo. The Rev. Arno Pagel and the secretary of Area II, W. J. Sharpe, visited the region in December 1971.

GREAT BRITAIN

The annual convention was held this year in the strife-torn city of Belfast. Whilst conditions there affected the size of the delegation the public meetings were well attended and were a source of inspiration and encouragement, particularly to those Endeavorers and Christian friends living constantly in a state of tension. The now well-known Irish Convention Choir thrilled the congregations with its fine singing.

The British Union is at present engaged upon discussions in the constituency concerning the future of the movement as outlined in a Report for Progress. In this suggestions are made for a reaffirmation of fundamental principles, appointment of field secretaries, and advanced propaganda material. A budget covering the additional cost of all these reforms faces Endeavorers with a challenge for more realistic giving. The Young People's week-end at Willersley Castle, Matlock, continues to attract to the extent that there is always a "waiting" list and the Youth

SUDAN youth participate in November 1971 Conference sponsored by the Christian Endeavor Union, held at Gerif near Khartoum. There were seventy youth ages 18-30 and ten leaders present for the week's activities.

Week at a holiday home has again been successful. A Junior Award scheme has been launched and is being taken up in many societies.

Young people interested in an invitation from the Egyptian Christian Endeavor Union to spend a fortnight as ambassadors, sharing in discussion groups, leading meetings, etc., are asked to apply to Headquarters in Hounslow, whose personnel will facilitate arrangements. The president of the British Union, the Rev. Donald Nield, has visited Egypt and addressed a number of rallies. Rev. George Bowden is general secretary.

SCOTLAND

One hundred and eighty-seven boys and girls from many parts of Scotland arrived at the Scottish Junior Christian Endeavor Camp which was held for one week in July. This year was made more interesting by the improved outdoor facilities. There was keen competition amongst the various houses. Meigle Camp, set in a very beautiful part of Perthshire, is owned by the Scottish National Camp. Plans are already in hand for a further camp in 1972. Encouraging news is received of Junior and Young People's societies affiliating with the national union, and of new groups being formed in Kilmarnock and Motherwell. The British president, the Rev. Donald Nield, has visited Scotland during his term of office.

NORWAY

A correction and an apology. It was erroneously reported that the Christian Endeavor House in Oslo had been sold to the Bishopric of Oslo. The word should have been "donated," not "sold." After the reconstruction of the house has been completed the Christian Endeavor Union of Norway wil have a part of the premises for its own use.

SIERRA LEONE, WEST AFRICA

The national union in Sierra Leone is headed by Billy Simbo. Most of the societies are found in United Brethren churches.

Shirley Fretz, who is working at the Centennial Secondary School in Mattru, Jong, Sierra Leone, reports that two societies meet there each Sunday at 4:30 p.m., one for the Juniors (Forms I and II) and another for Forms III to V.

Miss Fretz says, "During the past few weeks, since several in our group were not formerly acquainted with the Christian Endeavor program, we have had a study using the visual aid of 'Building the Christian Endeavor Temple.' This seemed to be enjoyed by all who attended"

SHIRLEY FRETZ, former Ontario Union president, gives flannelgraph message for Sierra Leone Endeavorers.

Thanks

A hearty thank you to all the local poster plant owners who cooperated in the 1972 Outdoor Poster Program. Hundreds of Christian Endeavor posters were displayed in the United States and Canada during January and February. This highway evangelism program is made possible by the generous contribution of space by local plant owners, most of whom are members of the Outdoor Advertising Association of America, Inc., and by Christian Endeavorers who provide funds to cover the cost of the posters themselves.

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NEWS

Anniversaries

Congratulations to Grace Baptist Temple, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on its 100th anniversary! Dr. Daniel K. Poling, who was co-pastor of the Temple with his father, spoke at a February 12 banquet in Jenkintown.

The Christian Endeavor Society of Ainslie Greenpoint Presbyterian Church, Brooklyn, New York, observed its 85th anniversary October 3 at a service at Glen Morris Presbyterian Church, Ozone Park, with Rev. Angelo G. Crescenzo speaking.

Personalia

Kojiro Hata, president of the Japan Union and a vice-president of the World's Union, was honored recently when Doshisha University conferred on him the LL.D. degree. Congratulations, Dr. Hata!

Christian sympathy to the family of *Dr. William N. Gibson,* General Baptist leader, who died January 21 at his home in Newburgh, Indiana, and to the family of *Norman Purdy,* 43, former field secretary of Massachusetts, who died January 14 in Medford.

Aid to India

In December $226 was sent to the India Union for relief work in the Cuttack area, following a cyclone and tidal wave in early November. This included $35 from the Franklin County (Ohio) Union, $91 from the Executives' Program Council, and $100 from the Philadelphia County (Pennsylvania) Union.

Texas News

Effective January 1 the Texas office was relocated at 2405 Cedar Springs, Suite 204, Dallas 75201. A part-time office secretary is soon to be employed.

In Memoriam — Dr. F. Rupert Gibson

On December 20 the Right Rev. Dr. F. Rupert Gibson, A.B., age 66, died suddenly at his home in Belfast, Northern Ireland. He is survived by his wife Lily and a married daughter Aileen.

Dr. Gibson was the moderator of the Presbyterian Church of Ireland, the superintendent of its Irish Mission, and a vice-president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union. A former president of the Irish and British Unions he was chairman of the local committee and the program committee for the 1966 World's Convention in Belfast.

Dr. Clyde W. Meadows, World's Union president, says, "Rupert was a dedicated Christian and rose to leadership in every branch of service he entered. He was a speaker to youth and for youth. He was a prolific writer with unusual power through the printed page. He had a congenial personality with a sense of humor. Our friend will be greatly missed by may people around the world."

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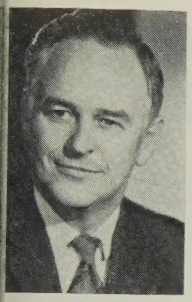

"Power to Become"

By Dr. LaVerne H. Boss, President
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Yes, you and I have "Power to Become" — power to become the sons of God, according to John 1:12. This year the Christian Endeavor Week theme forces us to make a decision. Isn't it wonderful that we can have power to become something or somebody, power to decide how we will use our time, our energies, our resources. You and I make these decisions daily and all too frequently without asking God for His guidance and direction.

The Bible, which is actually God's road map and direction for our lives, has many suggestions how we might use this reservoir of power that is available to each of us as sons of God. He has given some very specific guide posts for us when He says, "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also"; "Set your mind on things that are above"; "Be strong in the Lord and the power of His might." These few quotations from God's Holy Word can give us direction as to how we make decisions and assign priorities in our daily lives.

Do you avail yourself of this power once you have made a decision to live for Him? Recently I read the creed of a group known as Possibility Thinkers, which stated, "When faced with a mountain, I WILL NOT QUIT. I will keep on striving until I climb over, find a pass through, tunnel underneath—or simply stay and turn the mountain into a gold mine WITH GOD'S HELP." Too frequently we grope in darkness without direction and without remembering His words, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness." We, then, as Christians, working in Christian Endeavor should reorder our priorities and place Christ first in our lives and thereby tap the greatest resource ever known to mankind.

Are you ready to accept God on His word and receive the promises that have withstood the challenge of all time? If you are, then, you have the "Power to Become."

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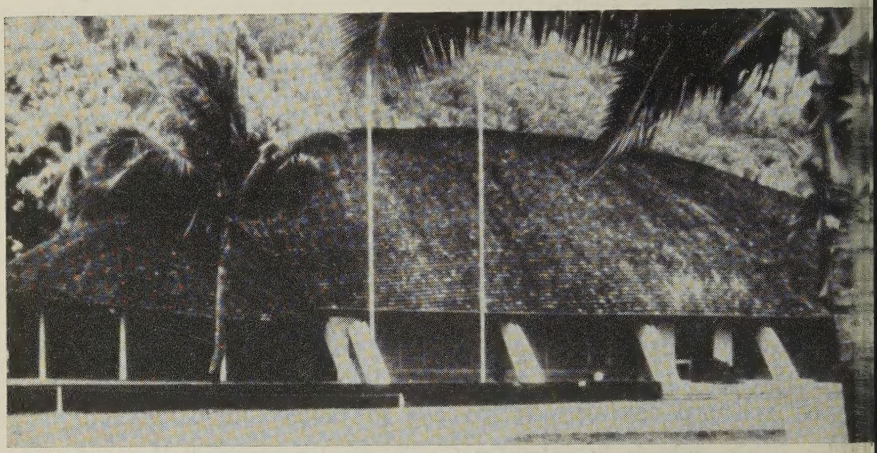

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